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MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING (PRESUMABLY CIRCULAR) NOTICE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE (ICRC), WHICH DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS TO JOHN YONAN OR OTHER ASSYRIAN COMMUNITY LEADERS IN UNITED STATES:

QUOTE ASSYRIAN COMMUNITY IN LEBANON - OUR JOUNIE DELEGATION REPORTS: MGR. MARNASAI DE BAZ BEING AT PRESENT ON A JOURNEY, WE CONTACTED MR. JACQUES AUDE AND FATHER COCK WHO IS REPLACING FATHUR BLUM. ACCORDING TO THEM THE SITUATION OF THE ASSYRIAN COMMUNITY OF SAD EL BAOUCHRIEH IS PRECARIOUS BUT NOT CRITICAL. THE COMMUNITY RECEIVES FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES EITHER FROM CARITAS OR FROM THE POLITICAL PARTIES. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE CONSTANTLY CHANGING SITUATION, SUCH ASSISTANCE MAY SUDDENLY PROVE TO BE INADEQUATE, OUR DELEGATION WILL THEREFORE DO ITS BEST TO KEEP AN EYE ON EVENTS AFFECTING THE ASSYRIANS OF SAD EL BAOUCHRIEH. IN ADDITION, OUR DELEGATION IS CONTEMPLATING AN APPROACH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE LEADING MEMBERS OF THE ASSYRIAN COMMUNITIES IN OTHER REGIONS. IT WILL ALSO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION WHEN MGR. MARNASAI DE BAZ IS BACK.

COMMUNITIES AND THEIR BREAK DOWN

1. SAD EL BAOUCHRIEH, A SUBURB OF BEIRUT (CHRISTIAN ZONE) 500 FAMILIES, AVERAGE FAMILY 7 PERSONS.

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2. RAS BEIRUT A MUSLIM ZONE OF BEIRUT: ABOUT 100 FAMILIES.

3. HOTEL DIEU DISTRICT (CHRISTIAN ZONE OF BEIRUT): ABOUT 100 FAMILIES.

4. KSARA, SUBURB OF ZAHLE IN THE BEKAA PLAIN (CHRISTIAN ZONE):
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